

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
February 27, 201 * 9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present

Edsel Davis, President
Beckey Malphus
Henry Bohn
Larry Corry
John Sundstrom
Jeff Smith, Consumer Member

Staff Present

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present:

Betsy Choder
Scott Piper

Edsel Davis established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

Open Session

Introduction of Visitors

Dr. Davis allowed for introduction of the visitors.

Approval of Minutes from the December 5, 2012 Board Meeting

Dr. Corry made a motion to approve the Board minutes as amended. Dr. Sundstrom seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Licenses to Ratify November 27, 2012 – February 22, 2013

Dr. Corry made a motion, Dr. Malphus and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the report of licenses issued November 27, 2012 – February 22, 2013.

Correspondence from Chris Runde: AAVSB Call for Bylaws Amendments

Dr. Malphus explained that the meeting regarding Bylaws is in September of 2013. Any proposed changes would have to be submitted 180 days prior to the meeting. Ms. Battle advised the deadline for such is March 31st.

Correspondence from Susan Rehm: Period for AAVSB's Practice Act Model

Dr. Malphus explained that a task force was created to discuss issues that Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians are having as it relates to practice matters. The task force will then research nationwide and attempt to find a solution. Dr. Malphus asked the Board to review and submit any issues to her and she will submit to the task force. Ms. Battle announced March 31st is the deadline to submit information.

Correspondence from Jack Crown: 501C Animal Rescue Organization

Ms. Battle suggested a roster request form so that Mr. Crown could do a mass mailing to the Veterinarians and Vet Technicians for volunteers.

Correspondence from Patrick Montgomery: Veterinary Chiropractic

The Board considered correspondence which asked about Veterinary Chiropractic practice. Assistant Attorney General Ms. Baker stated that Veterinarians may provide chiropractic services. She further stated that Georgia law states licensed chiropractors may only practice on humans, not animals. Staff is directed to refer Mr. Montgomery to O.C.G.A. § 43-50-60.

Discussion: Teeth Scaling

Dr. Davis indicated that the matter of teeth scaling comes up rather frequently. The Board reviewed O.C.G.A.43-50-3(11)(B). Ms. Baker stated that, according to the code, any person could use cotton swabs, gauze, etc... to clean an animal's teeth; however, the use of any instrument or device is considered the practice of veterinary medicine. Assistant Attorney General Ms. Baker suggests sending the aforementioned code section as a response.

Magdalena Prilliman: Rule Variance Request 700-6-.01

After consideration of the rule variance petition, Dr. Malphus made a motion to deny the petition. The Board found no proof of substantial hardship and sufficient information to determine if the exam taken is equivalent to VTNE. Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Gary Gillette: CE Question

Assistant Attorney General Ms. Baker explained that Gary Gillette wants to know if the Board uses IRS rules as it relates. Staff is directed to communicate that the Board's rules and those of the IRS are separate matters and that it could not provide further guidance.

10:00a.m. Public Rule Hearing:

Rule 700-11-.01 Inactive Status

No comments were received regarding this rule.

Rule 700-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct

No written comments received. Betsy Choder asked commented about the necessity of requests for records having to be written but did not object to the rule being adopted as proposed. No further comments.

Rule 700-6-01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians

No comments were received regarding this rule.

Dr. Malphus made a motion to adopt Rules 700-11-01, 700-8-01, and 700-6-01. Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Discussion: Board Rule 700-2-.03

Assistant Attorney General Ms. Baker presented this rule to the Board for revision to be consistent with law. Ms. Baker and Ms. Battle will work on proposed language and present to the Board.

DEA Correspondence

After consideration, the Board determined this was a federal issue, not a state issue. Scott Piper did indicate that AVMA was working to address this matter so it could provide clarification to practitioners. The Board was complimentary of the AVMA for being proactive regarding such.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Piper mentioned two bills that were taken up during this past legislative session but was unsure about the bill numbers. He stated that he would email them to Ms. Battle once identified.

Ms. Choder asked if she could submit a correspondence regarding a complaint case. Ms. Battle stated that Ms. Choder could email it to her directly.

Scott Piper mentioned that he received a call from a Veterinarian regarding his incomplete renewal. After brief discussion, the Board confirmed that if CE requirements were not met, he would not be renewed.

Beckey Malphus made a motion, Henry Bohn seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Edsel Davis, Beckey Malphus, Henry Bohn, Larry Corry, John Sundstrom, and Jeff Smith.

Edsel Davis concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken, and declared Open Session.

Dr. Corry made a motion, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted to accept the following recommendations based on deliberation in Executive Session. Dr. Corry and Dr. Bohn abstained on S.N.

Appearances:

R.P.N.	Veterinarian	Approved
S.N.	Veterinarian	Denied

Applications:

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| 1. | M.D.M. | Approved with Public Reprimand and Fine |
| 2. | C.E.H. | Approved |
| 3. | S.M.M. | Approved |
| 4. | J.S.T. | Tabled |
| 5. | K.E.A. | Approved |
| 6. | M.T.L. | Tabled |
| 7. | C.A.C. | Scheduled for Investigative Interview |
| 8. | K.A.S. | Approve upon receipt of application |
| 9. | D.S.B. | Denied |

Correspondences:

1. J.S. Schedule Meeting with IC
2. G.I. Close with No Action
3. J.B. Close with No action
4. A.G. Flag record

Attorney General's Report –Ms. Amelia Baker

S.N.	VET004241	Deny request to lift suspension
C.W.	VET0074505	Schedule for Investigative Committee
J.R.	VET006957	Accept Public Consent Order
L.S.	Vet Tech Applicant	Accept Private Consent Order
B.P.	VET001456	If license is renewed, approve with Consent Order

Investigative Committee Report – Edsel Davis and Becky Malphus**Investigative Interviews**

VET130031	Refer to AG's Office for Cease & Desist
VET130002	Close with No Action

Discussion Cases

VET110087/VET120053	Close with No Action
VET120016	Schedule re-inspection in 60 days
VET120033	Schedule Investigative Interview
VET120046	Deny request to lift suspension
VET120071	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130011	Refer for Peer Review
VET130015	Public Consent Order
VET130016	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130018	Close with No Action
VET130021	Close with No Action
VET130023	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130029	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130032	Schedule for Investigative Interview
VET130033	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130034	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130035	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130037	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130042	Close with No Action
VET130046	Schedule for Investigative Interview
VET130047	Tabled
VET130048	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130051	Close with No Action
VET130055	Close with Letter of Concern

Miscellaneous Cases:

VET130044	Close with No Action
VET130053	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130054	Close with Letter of Concern
VET130056	Close with Letter of Concern

Board Nominations:

Dr. Bohn made a motion, Mr. Smith seconded and the Board voted unanimously to nominate John Sundstrom as Board President.

Dr. Bohn made a motion, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously to nominate Dr. Corry as Board Vice President.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The next Veterinary Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Edsel Davis, President
The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

Date

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

Date